

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

HIYWET BEKELE MILLION,

Defendant.

Case No. CR21-059-RSL

ORDER GRANTING
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
CONTINUE TRIAL AND
PRETRIAL MOTIONS DUE
DATE

This matter comes before the Court on defendant's "Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial and Pretrial Motions Due Date" (Dkt. # 27). Having considered the facts set forth in the motion, and defendant's knowing and voluntary waiver (Dkt. # 28), the Court finds as follows:

1. The Court adopts the facts set forth in the unopposed motion: in particular, (a) due to the nature of this case, discovery is voluminous, and counsel's efforts to review discovery with defendant have been hampered by the COVID-19 protocols currently in place at the Federal Detention Center, and (b) counsel generally requires additional time to understand and investigate the allegations and to discuss factual and legal issues and sentencing consequences with defendant so that she can make an informed and intelligent decision regarding how to proceed. The Court accordingly finds that a failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel, and any potential future counsel, the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

2. The Court finds that a failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

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5. Defendant has signed a waiver indicating that she has been advised of her right to a speedy trial and that, after consulting with counsel, she has knowingly and voluntarily waived that right and consented to the continuation of her trial to a date up to and including March 27, 2023, Dkt. # 28, which will permit her trial to start on March 13, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of time from the current trial date of September 12, 2022, up to and including the new trial date, shall be excludable time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, *et seq.* The period of delay attributable to this filing and granting of this motion is excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(1)(D), (h)(7)(A), and (h)(7)(B).

Robert S. Lasnik
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United States District Judge